

# Woven Paper Baskets

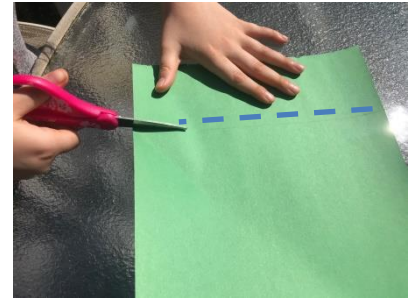
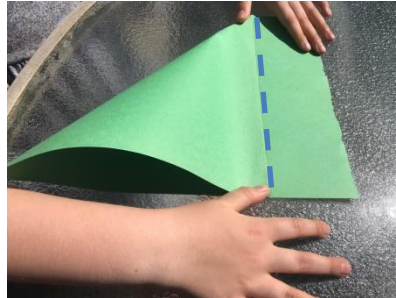
Just in time for Easter! This craft makes a great little basket. There are a few technical parts so a little adult help might be needed. You can fill the basket with eggs, treats or even flowers to give as a gift.

Ingredients/Materials Needed:

- Construction Paper – at least two colors
  - If you don't have construction paper plain white colored with crayons works great too.
- Scissors
- Scotch Taps
- Ruler
- Pencil

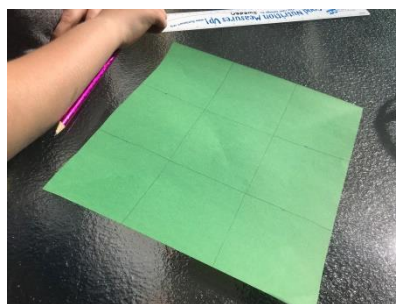
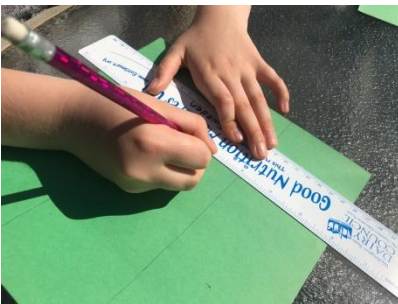
## 1. Make your paper a square.

- Take one corner of the paper pulling the bottom edge to the side and make even. If possible try to do this without creasing the paper.
- Draw a line on the remaining paper.
- Cut along the line.



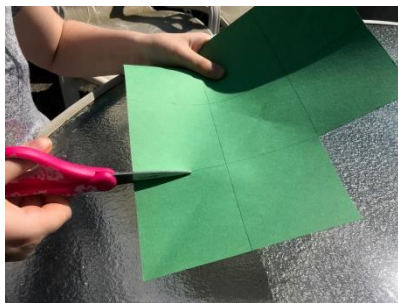
## 2. Draw a square in the middle of your paper. If you are using construction paper that is 9 inches your square will be 3 inches by 3 inches.

- Use a ruler to draw a horizontal line across the paper at 3 inches and 6 inches.
- Use a ruler to draw a vertical line across the paper at 3 inches and 6 inches.
- The lines make a box in the middle of the paper.

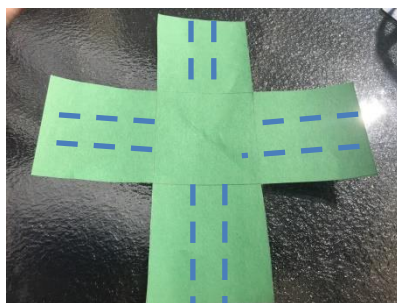


**3. Using scissors cut each of the 4 corners out of the paper.**

- Make sure not to cut the center box.



**4. Draw lines to cut each side into 3 equal sections. With 9 inch paper each section will be 1 inch.**



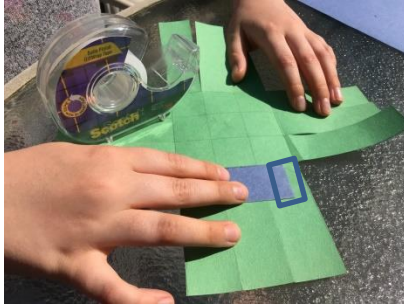
**5. Fold each strip to the square line and crease. Once creased sides will still be floppy, but this creates the bottom of the basket.**



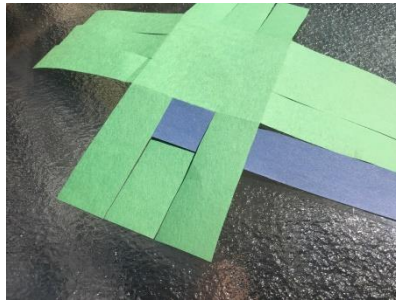
**6. Cut the second piece of paper into 1 inch strips (he long way). You will need about 5 strips if using construction paper. These will be the weaving strips.**



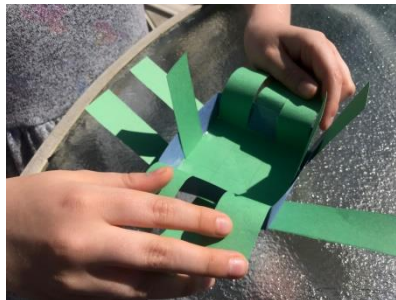
7. Take one weaving strip and tape it to one of the side strips on what will be the inside of the basket. Tape it so that the weaving strip lines up with the bottom line/crease.



8. Weave the weaving strip in front and behind the green strips. It is helpful to put small pieces of tape on the inside of the basket to help keep the weaving strip in place.

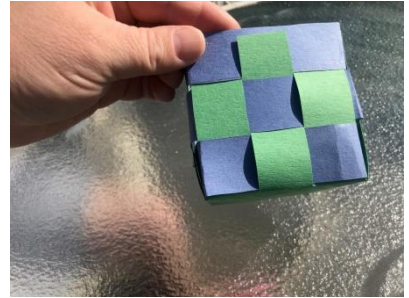
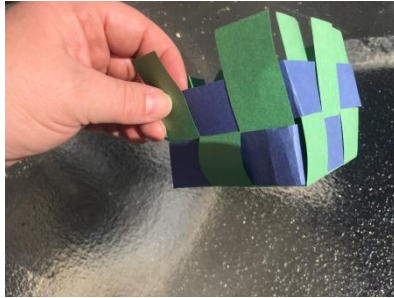
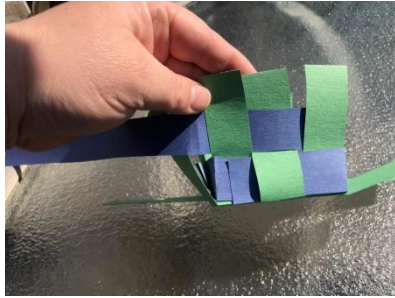


9. At the end of the side fold the weaving strip to create the corner of the basket. Continue weaving, taping and folding the rest of the sides of the basket until the weaving strip has been woven around the full bottom of the basket.
- If your weaving strip is too short, cut a small piece from another weaving strip and tape it on to continue weaving.
  - If your weaving strip is too short, trim it to fit before taping.
  - When you have made it the full way around the basket tape the end of the weaving strip on the inside of the basket.

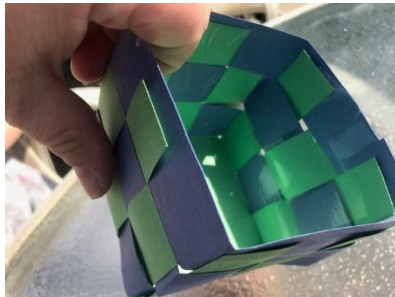




**10. Repeat steps 7-9 as you work your way up the side of the basket.**



**11. Once all you have completed weaving. Tape down any loose ends.**



**12. Use one weaving strip to make a handle. Tape both the inside and outside of the handle to the basket.**

